

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, May 6, 1892, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Hotel Bellevue, Beacon St., Boston. Friday, May 6th, 1892. My dear Mabel:

Telegram received from you today "Cannot see Dr. Goodell just now" and etc., I wish you would at least write to Dr. Goodell on the subject. I cannot bear the thought that perhaps you may be injuring yourself by neglecting to consult him. I should be delighted beyond measure to know that you could safely dispense with the support — but I don't like your doing this without the permission of the doctor, who performed the operation. He of course knows better than any one else what your real condition is. Please write to him on the subject — and if necessary or advisable go and see him. I cannot meet you in Philadelphia however — excepting on Sunday.

Elsie and Daisy worked away quietly today at their lessons. We all dined together between one and two o'clock. They went to the public gardens in the afternoon with Miss Clarke and had a sail in one of the swan boats.

They were ready to go out with me at five o'clock — but I was not released until half-past five — and then it commenced to rain so we could not go out. Your Cousin Mary called here this afternoon and spent a short time with Elsie and Daisy. Elsie and Daisy have practised some music for me — and played for me this evening. Took supper at half-past six — and want for a short walk afterwards with Elsie and Daisy — as the evening turned out fine. My direct examination will be completed tomorrow morning I expect. Cross-examination to begin in the afternoon.

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Hope you will come soon. Much love to all at home — and specially to my dear little Gipsy

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Your loving husband, Alec. Mrs. A. Graham Bell, 1328 Conn. Ave., Washington, D. C.